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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/19/08	07/12/08
Broiler/fryer	172,378	172,426
Light hens	1,359	1,432
Heavy hens	1,800	1,767

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

	WEEK	ENDING 12-Jul-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	175	0	175
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	209	4	213
Same week yr ago	294	3	297
To-date/2008	8,920	38	8,958
To-date/2007	6.909	17	6.926

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,527	1,821	3,348
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,378	1,356	2,734
Same week yr ago	1,443	1,669	3,112
To-date/2008	48,071	43,902	91,973
To-date/2007	38,231	39,451	77,682

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 12-JUL-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	171,673	1,352	1,821	3,173
Avg Wt	5.55	3.06	7.88	5.83
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	146,181	1,169	1,352	2,521
Same wk yr ago	166,955	1,149	1,666	2,815
Avg Wt	5.51	3.46	8.13	6.22
To-date/2008	4,592,275	39,151	43,864	83,015
To-date/2007	4,461,188	31,322	39,434	70,756

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.8 million head, or 7.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	39,775	85,775	24,445	21,678	171,673
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.29	6.75	8.42	5.55
% of total /1	23%	50%	14%	13%	100%
Togt wools	20 121	71 054	21 140	12 056	146 101
Last week	39,131	71,954	21,140	13,956	146,181
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.83	8.59	5.51
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,108	76,785	33,473	13,589	166,955
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.41	6.98	8.16	5.51
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% of total /1	26%	46%	20%	8%	100%
To date/2008	1,200,927	2,228,347	670,322	492,679	4,592,275
To date/2007	1,198,736	2,249,812	686,204	3264436	4,461,188

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B HENS) TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,262	2,912	20	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.56	38.22	24.67	34.13	28.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,394	2,392	13	10	3,809
Same wk yr ago	2,100	2,829	30	0	4,959
Avg Wt	16.08	37.40	33.83	0.00	28.35
To-date/2008	54,830	76,125	617	273	131,845
To-date/2007	53,951	71,618	474	117	126,160

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.